GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
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MINERAL RESERVES IN TRIBAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are adequate reserves of minerals in the tribal areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and mineral-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for the exploration of said minerals in the said areas particularly in Gujarat ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The details of minerals available in tribal districts of various States of the Country are as follows :

STATE/ DISTRICT	MINERAL
1. Andhra Pradesh	
Adilabad	Manganese Ore, Coal, Cement grade Limestone,
East Godawari	Coal, Graphite
West Godawari	Ball Clay, Coal, Cement Grade Limestone, Graphite
Khammam	Ores of Copper, Lead, Coal, Graphite, Granite
Shrikakulam	Graphite
Vishakapatnam	Apatite, Manganese Ore, Graphite
Warangal	Coal, Graphite
2. Arunachal Pradesh	
Kameng East & Kameng West	Copper, Gold & Pyrite, Dolomite
Lohit	Limestone, Graphite
Subansiri Lower	
Subansiri Upper	Copper, Gold, Pyrite, Graphite
3. Assam	
Goalgora	Magnitite, Quarzite
Kamrup	Magnitite, Quarzite
Karbi	Limestone, Kaolin Silimanite
Anlong	Limestone, Kaolin, Silimanite
Lakhimpur	Coal, Petroleum and Natural Gas, Limestone, Kaolin
Naogaon	Limestone
North Cachar Hill	Coal, Limestone
Sibsagar	Coal, Petroleum and Natural Gas, Limestone
4. Gujarat	
Bharueh	Agate, Lignite, Silica sand
Sabarkamtha	Kaolin
Vadodara	Fluorite, Chalk
Valsad	Fire Clay
5. Karnataka	
Chickmangalur	Bauxite, Iron Ore
Dakshin Kannad	Bauxite.
Mysore	Cement Grade Limestone, Black Granite

6. Kerala

Kozhikode	Limeshell, Ilmenite, Monozite, Beachsand, Iron Ore
Ernakulam	Glassand, Limeshell
Mallappuram	Limeshell, Ilmenite & Monozite Beachsand, Iron Ore
Palghat	Limestone, Limeshell, Iron Ore
Thiruvanthapuram	China Clay, Ilmenite & Monozite Beachsand

7. Madhya Pradesh

Balaghat	Copper, Dolomite, Manganese Ore
Betul	Coal, Kaolin
Chindwara	Coal. Dolomite, Manganese Ore
Dhar	Limestone, Steatite, Ochre
Jabalpur	Bauxite, Dolomite, Kaoline, Limestone, Steatite, Ochre
Mandla	Bauxite, Dolomite, Ochre
Jhabuwa	Dolomite
Murena	Limestone
Sahadol	Coal, Bauxite, Limestone, Ochre
Seoni	Dolomite
Sidhi	Coal, Bauxite, Kaolin

8. Maharashtra

Chandrapur	Coal, Limestone, Dolomite, Wolframite, Scheelite
Nanded	Limestone, Dolomite
Yeotmal	Coal, Limestone, Dolomite

9. Manipur

Chandel	Chromite
Ukhrral	Chromite

10. Meghalaya

Jayantis	Cement Grade Limestone, Chemical Grade Limestone
East & West Gora Hill	
East Khasi Hill	Cement Grade Limestone
West Khasi Hill	Sillimanite

11. Jharkhand

Palamau	Barytes, Bauxite, Dolomite, Felsper, Fireclay, Graphite, Manetite, Quartz, Silica Sand, Talc, Steatite, Rock Phosphate, Andalusite
Ranchi	China clay, Fire Clay, Limestone, Quartz, Silica sand, Ilmenite/Rutile
Singhbhum	Apatite, Asbestos, Barytes, China Clay, Chromite, Copper, Fireclay, Gold ore, Granite, Hematite, Kyonite, Limestone, Manganese Ore, Quartz/Silica sand, Talc/Steate, Quartzite, Cobalt, Nickel

12. Nagaland

Mon	Coal
Phek	Limestone
Tuensang	Nickeliferrous Chromite

13. Orissa

Baleshwar	Vanadiferrous magnetite
Ganjam	Beachsand
Kalahandi	Bauxite, Graphite
Keonjhar	Bauxite, Chromite, Iron Ore, Manganese Ore, Vanadiferrous magnetite
Koraput	Bauxite, Limestone, Dolomite, Iron Ore, Manganese Ore
Mayurbhanj	Iron Ore, Nickel Ore, Vanadiferrous magnetite, Sillimanite
Phulbani	Bauxite, Chromite, Graphite
Sambalpur	Bauxite, Coal, Limestone, Dolomite, Graphite, Sillimanite
Sundergarh	Bauxite, Limestone, Dolomite, Iron Ore, Manganese Ore, Lead Ore, Sillimanite

14. Rajasthan

Banswara	Phosphorite, Steatite
Chittorgarh	Kaolin, Limestone, Copper ore
Dungarpur	Asbestos, Fluorspar, Phosphorite, Steatite, Copper ore
Sirohi	Calcite, Flourspar, Limestone, Copper ore

Udaipur Asbestos, Calcite, Kaolin, Lead-zinc ore, Limestone, Mica, Phosphorite, Pyrophyllite, Steatite, Copper ore

15. Sikkim

South District	Coal
East District	Copper, Lead Zinc
West District	Dolomite, Sillimanite, Magnesite, Talc, Rock Phosphate, Graphite, Quartzite

16. Tamil nadu

North Arcot	Graphite, Vermaculite
South Arcot	Lignite
Salem	Bauxite, Limestone, Magnesite

17. Tripura

North, South and West Tripura	Glasssand, Plastic Clay, Shale, Ordinary sand.

18. West Bengal

Bankura	Coal, Tungsten
Darjeeling	Coal
Jalipalguri	Coal, Dolomite
Purulia	Coal, Apatite

19. A & N Islands Diatomateous Earth, Gold, Limestone, Nickel, Selenite & Suplhur

(c) : Survey and exploration is a continuous process. The agencies undertaking exploration are Geological Survey of India (GSI), Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL), Directorates of Mining and Geology of the States and various Public Secto Organisations. The National Mineral Policy, 1993 has thrown open the mineral sector for private investment, both domestic and foreign. Two prospecting licences were granted in Gujarat for copper, lead, zinc, gold and other associated minerals in favour of M/S Metmin Finance and Holding Ltd.